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FOLLOWING REPEAT NATO 6200 ACTION SECSTAE INFO BELGRADE
ALL NATO CAPITALS MOSCOW DATED JUN 29:

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SUBJECT: SOVIET TACTICS AT BELGRADE

REF: BELGRADE 4282

1. AT JUNE 28 POLADS MEETING, NORWEGIAN REP REPORTED THAT
DURING A JUNE 22 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH THE HEAD OF THE
NORWEGIAN DELEGATION AT BELGRADE, SOVIET DELEGATION HEAD
VORONTSOV TOOK A HARD LINE ON THE US APPROACH. VORONTSOV
CHARACTERIZED THE US/UK DRAFT AGENDA AS PART OF A NATO
PLAN, INSPIRED BY THE US, TO "CORNER" THE USSR ON HUMAN
RIGHTS. CLAIMING SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR A "FREE AND DEMO-
CRATIC" EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, VORONTSOV SAID THAT IN ORDER TO
AVOID TOO STRONG A FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE USSR WOULD
RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK ON OTHER TOPICS DURING THE PHASE
THE WESTERN SIDE SAW AS A "RATING EXERCISE" ON SOVEREIGN
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STATES. VORONTSOV ADDED THAT RATHER THAN ACCEPT THE AP-
PROACH ONE NATO COUNTRY WAS TRYING TO FORCE ON THE USSR,
THE SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO LET THE PREPARATORY MEETING
DISCONTINUE AND NOT TO HAVE THE MAIN MEETING AT ALL.
VORONTSOV EVIDENCED SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT US EFFORTS TO MAKE
THE MAIN MEETING A TRIBUNAL FOR ACCUSING THE SOVIETS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE NORWEGIANS CSCE DELEGATION

VIEWED VORONTSOV'S POSTURE AS PRIMARILY TACTICAL.

2. UK REP CHARACTERIZED VORONTSOV'S LINE AS "RIDICULOUS TRIPE", WHICH HE HOPED ALLIES WOULD KNOCK DOWN EFFECTIVELY. US REP URGED ALLIES TO EXCHANGE SUCH REPORTS AT BELGRADE WHERE ALLIES COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE TACTICS AND RESPONSES TO SOVIET LINE.

3. COMMENT: HARSH SOVIET LINE WITH ALLIED DELEGATIONS AT BELGRADE HAS ALREADY BEEN SUMMED UP IN PARA 3 REFTEL. WHILE WE BELIEVE ALLIED EXCHANGES ON SOVIET TACTICS AT CSCE MEETINGS SHOULD BE CENTERED AT BELGRADE, WE THINK IT COULD BE HELPFUL IN ALLAYING ALLIED CONCERNS ABOUT SOVIET REACTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IF THE ALLIES ARE MADE AWARE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN TAKING A MUCH QUIETER TONE WITH US, EMPHASIZING THEIR DESIRE TO FIND REASONABLE COMPROMISES (PARA 3 REFTEL). END COMMENT.

4. NORWEGIAN POLAD TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT VORONTSOV CHARACTERIZED US-SOVIET RELATIONS AS MURKY. HE SAID SOVIETS DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT US ADMINISTRATION, THOUGHT THE US MIGHT REEVALUATE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE USSR, AND BELIEVED MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON HOW THE US PLAYS ITS CRUISE MISSILE CARD. NOTING A DISTURBING US MILITARY BUILDUP, VORONTSOV SAID THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS AIMED AT GAINING POLITICAL SUPPORT IN THE US, AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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